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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KAMPALA 1636

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KIBEDI ACCUSED OF PLOTTING
INVASION

1. GOU MILITARY SPOKESMAN " REVEALED" MAY 14 THAT SAM ODAKA, OBOTE REGIME FOREIGN MINISTER, AND WANUME KIBEDI, GENERAL AMIN' S EX- FOREIGN MINISTER (AND BROTHER- IN- LAW), ARE REPORTED TO BE HAVING JOINT DISCUSSION IN LONDON IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRITISH " ON HOW TO MOUNT ANOTHER MILITARY INVASION ON UGANDA." SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT KIBEDI IS KNOWN TO HAVE LEFT NAIROBI LAST MONTH WITH ANOTHER UGANDAN MINISTER FOR LONDON AND THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE RECRUITING MERCENARIES FOR PURPOSE OF INVADING UGANDA FROM DAR ES SALAAM. SPOKESMAN SAID PRESIDENT AMIN " HAS MADE IT COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS HE WILL BE VERY CAREFUL IN APPOINTING HIS NEW CABINET."

2. COMMENT: STATEMENTS SUCH AS THIS ONE ISSUED BY UNNAMED " MILITARY SPOKESMAN" ARE BELIEVED TO BE A DEVICE USED BY AMIN TO MAKE AN AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC DECLARATION WHICH HE DOES NOT WANT ATTRIBUTED PERSONALLY TO HIMSELF. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT KIBEDI' S EFFORT TO REASSURE AMIN OF HIS LOYALTY (KAMPALA 1590
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NOTAL) HAS BEEN LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL.

3. FOR EMBASSY LONDON: GODFREY BINAISA WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN KIBEDI' S SITUATION, WHICH OF
COURSE SUPERCEDES THAT MENTIONED IN KAMPALA 1589 (NOTAL).
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